

*The Prisons Regulation.*

48. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) when the existing Prisons Regulation was brought into operation ;

(b) whether this Regulation specifically mentions that the Medical Officer of the Central Prison may also be its Superintendent ;

(c) whether there have been instances of Medical Officers of the Central Prison being appointed to act for Superintendents even for short periods ; and

(d) the respective pay of the Medical Officer and Jailor, Central Prison, at present (2-7-1927.) ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (a) 1st Medam 1071.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) No.

(d) The Medical Officer draws the maximum in the scale of Rs. 100-25/2-200. The Jailor gets Rs. 160 in the scale of Rs. 140-10-200.

*Touring work of Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum.*

49. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) how many nights the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, stayed in camp outside Trivandrum in the year 1101 ; and

(b) the places where he stayed in camp for more than 24 hours during that year ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (a) 79.

(b) Nagercoil, Varkala, Kuzhittura, Tovala, Bhutapandi, Cape Comorin, Attingal and Suchindram.

*Fall in the Price of Cocoanut Products.*

50. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any enquiry as to the extent to which the fall in the price of the products of the cocoanut tree has affected the economic condition of the people in the State ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The Government have not made any enquiry.

*Poisoning of Cattle.*

51. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether complaints were received by the police during the year 1101 regarding the poisoning of cattle, and, if so, whether any enquiry was held ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes ; 6 cases were reported in 1101 of which 4 were charged and 2 referred as false. Of the 4 cases charged, 3 ended in conviction and one is still pending trial.